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THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE OF JANIS

A Report by the Executive Secretary, JISPB

1. At a meeting of JIC (25 Feb. 1946) the G-2 member reported that, because of shortage of personnel, G-2 could only contribute to 3 or 4 JANIS annually, in spite of a request from Joint War Planners for the equivalent of 12. (For details see Appendix)

2. If the JANIS schedule is reduced to 3 or 4 a year the whole effort will be impaired and it is felt that intelligence generally will suffer because:

a. If JANIS does not meet the minimum requirements for coverage of critical areas, individual agencies will do such work independently with resulting duplication and poorer product. The JANIS plan provides one organized presentation of basic intelligence in advance of use, in contrast to a frenzied scramble of efforts to answer unorganized, last minute, spot requests with inadequate information.

b. At the present time when expenses must be cut, JANIS should be continued as a strong, joint effort to save money.

c. If JANIS should drop its schedule to 3 or 4 studies a year and cut its staff proportionately, it could not operate efficiently, inasmuch as required on the JANIS staff to provide the necessary skills intelligently to process and direct work on some 14 divergent chapters. Likewise the contributors would lose interest in such an emasculated program. As a result good people would seize the first opportunity to leave and JANIS would be reduced to a routine, scrap-book operation. The choice then is between an enthusiastic, worth while effort, or a demoralized humdrum operation which will not provide the U.S. Government with essential information.

3. In connection with the foregoing it should be noted that JANIS has proved itself of unquestioned value as a superior product as testified

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by many unsolicited comments from the field and widespread, continued use by numerous military and civilian agencies of the government, and that it can be adapted to post war needs.

4. By some shifting of contributors, however, it appears possible substantially to meet the War Planners request. As the attached table shows, most contributors appear able to meet the full schedule. Some of those who cannot now meet the schedule apparently can if they receive a directive. For some topics alternate contributors are available to replace G-2. For still other topics some shortening of the chapters can be done without seriously impairing the study.

5. If the arrangements outlined in 4 above can be achieved it appears that only one chapter, Cities and Towns, cannot be produced at the rate desired (6 full and 6 brief statements per year -- G-2 can only do 3 full chapters). Two solutions are possible:

a. Have G-2 produce the required number by turning over Chapter II, Military Geography, of several studies, to the Geological Survey, thus releasing personnel for preparation of Chapter VIII, Cities and Towns. Personnel apparently are largely interchangeable between these two chapters in G-2 and both are the responsibility of the same branch.

b. Condense the chapter drastically. This is possible, simply by the arbitrary expedient of describing as many towns as there are personnel to do the task. Likewise each town can be treated more briefly. Such drastic cutting in this chapter is not desirable, and is suggested only as a last resort. The whole publication, however, should not be held up because of a bottleneck on one chapter.

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CAPACITY OF CONTRIBUTORS TO PRODUCE JANIS*

| Chapter (on present basis) | Responsible Agency | Annual Number of Chapters That Can Be Produced | Percent of Total Requirements of War Planners (Counting on Equivalent of 12 war-size JANIS) (for some chapters) |
|--|--|--|---|
| II Military Geography | MID | 8(1) | 66 |
| III Oceanography | DNI (H.O.) | 4(2) | 33(2) |
| IV Coasts and Landing Beaches | OCE (BEB) (Beaches) DNI (Coast) | 12 at least 4(3) | 100 33(3) |
| V Climate and Weather | JMC(AAF and Navy) | probably 12(4) | 100 |
| VI Ports and Shipping | DNI and OCE | 12 | 100 |
| VII Transportation and Telecommunications | OCE (Transportation) Signal Corps (Tele- communications) | 3(5) 6+ | 25(5) 100 |
| VIII Cities and Towns | MID | 3(1) | 50(1) |
| IX Resources and Trade | OCE (Construction Materials, Water Supply, Fuels and Minerals) OCE (Electric Power) MID (Remainder) | 12 3 3* | 100 50(5) 50* |
| X People and Government | State Department | 6+ | 100 |
| XI Health and Sanitation | SGO | 6+ | 100 |
| XIV Air Facilities | A-2 | 12 | 100 |
| XV Gazetteer and Map Appraisal | BGN AMS State Department | 6+ | 100 |

- (1) Dependent on aid in drafting which can be secured from State Department and Army Map Service.
- (2) Can probably be increased. In any case, scope of chapter can be cut sufficiently to enable close to 100% of requirements to be reached.
- (3) Based on wartime JANIS. Plans call for such drastic cutting that 100% of requirements probably can be achieved.
- (4) Probable total if request is received soon.
- (5) 100% of requirements can be achieved if directive is received.

* For some chapters on which there is a bottleneck, alternative contributors can probably be arranged, as follows:

Geological Survey (OCE) for Chapter II, Military Geography;
 Department of Agriculture for food and agriculture section of Chapter IX,
 Resources and Trade; and
 State Department for some other sections of the same chapter.

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APPENDIX

The Joint War Planners and Joint Logistics Planners with the concurrence of the Joint Staff Planners have requested the JIC to have 6 full and 6 partial JANIS prepared annually with continuing research on other areas and provision made for answering spot requests (JWPC memorandum to JTS on Static Intelligence - JTS 65/M, 7 Jan. 1946). Translated into actual JANIS requirements, this means 8 full JANIS and 6 partial JANIS. Because of the size of some of the areas involved (European Russia, etc.), this is estimated to be the equivalent of last year's work load - 12 JANIS annually in spite of considerable condensation in future JANIS. (For additional details see: JIC 306/11, 12 Feb. 1946).